

**Comment
of the
day**

Suffering cats!

YOU probably saw the photograph we carried on page one of the China Mail on Tuesday. It showed Topsy, a black cat, posing before a drawing she had executed in crayon, which her owner, Dr. George Cooper, titled "Man riding a horse," and placed it on show in Foyle's of Charing Cross-road.

Now we should be the last to claim that Topsy's achievement is not superior both in composition and design to most stuff which passes under the misnomer of Art, but quite frankly, what we object to is the smug self-satisfied expression on Topsy's face.

Maybe her drawing is good. Maybe Sir Albert Richardson (past president of the Royal Academy) is going to commend Topsy on her work. Perhaps she's going to put up for membership, but all the same, we consider that the supercilious, insufferable air of condescension she wears as she poses for her photograph, ill becomes her.

Now you might think that we ourselves are rather intolerant, that "we have it in for cats," as they say, but such is not the case.

WE have three cats on the strength of the China Mail, and every now and again, that number is augmented. We do not complain. The cats have first choice of desks, they sleep in the cable baskets, they have first pickings at luncheon. None disputes their right to do so, but we are all getting a little tired of their superior airs and their graceless acceptance of gifts as tribute brought by creatures of grosser clay.

Has anyone in the office ever heard one of our cats say thank-you? And even when we delay our work until the last moment for fear of waking one of the lazy layabouts, and try to lift them from a script we have been working on, all we are greeted with are oaths, and... well... language that ill becomes a member of our honourable and venerable paper.

We can put up even with that treatment. In fact, custom has stilled our responses to such treatment. But what we cannot tolerate is their disdainful attitude whenever we have a piece of writing to perform.

DIRECTLY we place a sheet of copy paper in the typewriter, one or other of the cats leaps onto the desk and starts staring at the blank sheet, and then deliberately curves its mouth with scorn as the words begin to build up. You know from your own experience what it was like to have the headmaster staring over your shoulder as you tried to write an essay; imagine our lot to be stared at by a cat every time we try to write.

Then, having finished our work, and reading the copy back, the cat stands up, walks all over our work, does a few hand springs, and then points its tail contemptuously, and walks off.

Quite frankly, it is getting us down. We are unable even to put out a poster without the cats lining up and giving it the OK before it is allowed out on the streets. They veto all untold stories, and if you want to know, it was the office cats who said Topsy's portrait had to go on page one. Cats? Vain creatures. Arrogant, haughty, pompous-brats. Who do they think they are?

Moscow seeks improved relations with U.S. BID FOR COLD WAR 'THAW'

Soviet envoys show courtesy to Ike's men

Washington, Jan. 11.

The Soviet Union has undertaken an important if discreet series of contacts and conversations aimed at bringing about a rapid "thaw" in American-Soviet relations as soon as the new Democratic administration takes office on January 20.

Soviet diplomats in Washington, while maintaining an attitude of extreme reserve regarding President Eisenhower and his administration, have shown signs of marked courtesy in their dealings with the outgoing Republicans.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov had a serious, calm and courteous talk on Tuesday with Secretary of State Christian Herter on the Laos crisis. Although Mr. Menshikov repeated the Soviet position on the aircraft bringing aid to the pro-Communist forces were not Soviet.

The Soviet preparations for establishing a new Soviet-U.S. "climate" do not yet involve specific proposals for settling outstanding issues. The preparations appeared to be aimed

mainly at showing understanding for President-elect John Kennedy and his administration. Sources here reported that Moscow is perfectly aware that it would be impossible for Mr. Kennedy and his advisers to be ready before several months to engage in negotiations on any of the great international problems. But these sources said, the Soviet Government would like to start some kind of an international discussion fairly soon.

Shared desire

This desire was shared by important members of the new American Cabinet.

The same sources reported that Moscow contemplated three stages on the road to reaching serious negotiations, and a situation in which a summit conference would be possible.

★ An exchange of envoys between the two national leaders.

★ The resumption in Geneva in February of the four power conference on halting nuclear tests. Mr. Kennedy was known to be extremely anxious to achieve some concrete result in this field. The February conference will be the first meeting of Soviet delegates with representatives of the new administration.

★ The second session of the UN General Assembly in New York during which disarmament was expected to be discussed.

Soviet circles here make no attempt to hide the fact that the coming assembly session will be a testing ground and that Mr. Khrushchev would like to attend personally.

No illusions

There were no illusions here as to what discussion of the disarmament problem would produce at the General Assembly session. Nevertheless Soviet quarters here affirmed willingly that if the Kennedy administration gave indications of its desire to "negotiate reasonably" the Kremlin's stand could be softened—and even modified—in order to bring it closer to the American position.—AP.

TEMPERATURE AT WINTER LOW

Hongkong experienced the lowest temperature this winter when the mercury dropped to 47.3 degrees Fahrenheit at 7.30 this morning.

The new low in temperature was brought about by the fresh surge of cold winter monsoon which reached Hongkong on the night of Tuesday, Wednesday.

The Colony is now in the wake of the cold wave but the temperature is "unlikely to fall any further than the minimum reached this morning."

On the contrary, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said, it will gradually rise in the next two or three days until Hongkong gets over the cold spell.

Forecast for today: Moderate northerly winds. Mild, with long fair periods in the afternoon.

Alexandra and Sirikit in Switzerland



Princess Alexandra and Queen Sirikit of Siam, at Gstaad, where the Princess has been having her first ski lessons.—Express photo.

WAVE OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN THE YEMEN

London, Jan. 11.

Allied diplomats reported today a wave of bomb explosions has swept isolated Yemen with King Ahmed himself the target of some attacks.

Fearing for his life, the Iron ruler has asked Britain's help in tracking down would-be assassins.

The British are considering the request and may yet act by expelling some Yemeni political refugees suspected of plotting Ahmed's downfall from the sanctuary of neighbouring Aden.

However, some British experts, informants said, believe agents of the United Arab Republic may be the real culprits. Big political stakes are involved in the ceaseless game of intrigue and counter-intrigue in this restless region of the Middle East. Among the stakes is the 60-year-old Ahmed's blood-marked throne itself.

Dramatic story

This is the dramatic story told by diplomats with direct lines to the lonely desert capital of Taiz.

The Chief Justice of Yemen, Qadhi Almaghary, was murdered last summer by unknown assassins. King Ahmed thereupon ordered the arrest of several Yemeni officials, including the Chief of Police, on charges they had fallen down on their jobs.

A group of Yemenis who had been campaigning for political and social reform fled to Aden. Several asked for and got political asylum.

Since August about a dozen bomb explosions have been reported in various parts of the kingdom. The most recent exploded last month. Several burst in Ahmed's own palace.

Whale shot in harbour

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—A 20-foot, grey whale that was trapped under a San Francisco pier was towed away today to become whale oil and chicken feed.

The whale, shot by the Humane Society today after it was trapped in a maze of pilings, was hauled out by a Coast Guard cutter, and delivered to a fishing company.—UPI.



KING AHMED

Nobody here knows for sure just how many people have been killed or hurt in these blasts.

The King called in Britain's lone envoy, Charge d'Affaires E. W. Bailey, and demanded action against those Yemeni fugitives in Aden. He accused them of complicity in the assassination attempts and demanded that they be returned to Taiz or punished.

Mr. Bailey replied that without evidence Britain could not act. But Ahmed was insistent. Unwilling to risk Britain's already slender relationship with Yemen, Mr. Bailey con-

ferred with Aden chiefs two weeks ago to see if anything could be done.

He is back in Taiz and the signs are that the Aden colonial authorities may expel any Yemenis suspected of complicity in the murder plots.

For about two years now the aging, ailing Ahmed has had to face mounting demands for reforming his feudal system of rule. Some of his opponents have sheltered under the wing of Crown Prince Salf al Islam Mohammed al Badr, who, more than once, clashed directly with his father.

Nasser's dream

The Imam's difficulties in coping with the spread of 20th century social standards have been tangled further by UAR President Gamal Nasser's dream of a pan-Arab empire.

Nasser has long wanted Yemen to join the UAR. At one point Ahmed agreed and Prince Badr negotiated all the arrangements. But the union remains to be consummated.—AP.

21 bodies recovered from wreck

Tangiers, Jan. 11.—A total of 21 bodies including those of women and children out of 40 passengers aboard the Moroccan luxury yacht Picoos which sank early this morning off the Moroccan coast have been brought in by the port of Alhucemas by fishing boats and speed launches.

The Spanish trawler Cabo de Gata had earlier picked up the Captain Francisco Morilla-Roldan and 12 members of the crew, all of

Britain and U.S. need to be more candid

London, Jan. 11.

The need for the United States and Britain to make "candid explanations" to each other when their alliance met with trouble was stressed in London tonight by the retiring U.S. Ambassador, Mr. John Hay Whitney, in his farewell speech at the Pilgrims' dinner.

He deplored the recent picture in Britain of a "trigger-happy" America being held back from the brink of war in Laos by her allies.

Mr. Whitney said: "Through good and patient work, Britain and America have reached an intimacy which we need less to boast about than to exult in. In the effort to keep a developed friendship—and let there be no doubt that an effort is required—we need not only co-operate in action (as we do);

we need to understand our respective roles so that we talk about them sensibly. That does not always happen.

"Within the past two weeks, on the basis of a totally false rumour that the United States wanted to use force in Laos, an extraordinary picture of a trigger-happy America has circulated here among you, our British friends.

"It is the picture of an irresponsible power being held back with difficulty from the brink of war by its allies. I simply cannot believe that this is really what you think of us, or of this President who has worked with such devotion for eight years in the cause of peace.

"Yet I am disturbed, and most, I think, by the fact that this caricature of the United States springs apparently so spontaneously to mind in a situation where admittedly reporters had scant access to facts."

Kozlov to succeed Mr. K?

London, Jan. 11.

Mr. Frol Kozlov, Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, is being groomed for the succession should anything happen to Mr. Nikita Khrushchev.

Communist sources said this today.

Mr. Khrushchev, who will be 67 next April, has recently been ill though he is reported to be fit at present. He is stated to suffer from high blood pressure, with the attendant possibility of a heart attack.

Latest confirmation of Mr. Kozlov's status as next in the line of succession was seen in the Moscow announcement that he will introduce discussion on the fourth point on the agenda—changes in party rules—at the next party congress set for October this year.

PROGRAMME

Discussion of the other important points of the agenda—the Central Committee's report and the draft of a new party programme—will be opened by Mr. Khrushchev.

Mr. Kozlov, aged 52, is one of the new generation of Soviet leaders, who were too young to participate in the Revolution.

The son of a peasant, he trained as an engineer and came into prominence after his appointment as head of the Leninist District Committee of the party in 1955. He gained first hand experience of the United States from a visit in July 1959.

Mr. Kozlov has been chosen before to make important statements, as when he reported to the Central Committee last June on the Bucharest meeting of Communist bloc leaders, and reviewed Soviet policy to a mass meeting on the anniversary of the Russian Revolution last November.—Reuters.

Great prospects

Mr. Whitney said that the opportunities were vast for both nations. "In Europe in Nato, in the United Nations, and above all perhaps among the newly-emerging nations, our task together is as exciting as it is clearly difficult and vital."

"Absorbed in the problems of the worldwide upheaval that is liberating peoples, it is easy to forget the great beneficent prospects that are opening up for humanity.

"But it is on these that our eyes should be fixed... for success in all our enterprises ahead, understanding is necessary—and a little faith."—Reuters.

HK policeman in London passing-out parade

London, Jan. 11.

Police officers from Hongkong, Fiji, Sarawak, and North Borneo took part in a passing-out parade at the Metropolitan Police training school here today.

They were Sub-Inspector A.B. Hartman, of Hongkong, Inspector R. Deo, of Fiji, Asst. Chief Inspector C.B. Tan, of Sarawak and Inspector Abdul Latif Bin Hussain, of Brunei.

Altogether 25 overseas police officers—training for gazetted rank—graduated on the 20-week course. They were addressed today by Mr. L.H.E.J. Sturton, Inspector-General of Colonial Police.—China Mail Special.

However the search was suspended at the end of the afternoon because of heavy seas.

The yacht is believed to have struck a "hidden reef off Alhucemas north of Morocco on Tuesday night.

According to officials in Rabat the craft was taking illegal emigrants. Jews leaving Morocco without exit permits to Israel via Gibraltar. The place ran into rough weather and high winds which swept it ashore.—AP & AP.

BELGIAN LEADERS BID TO END STRIKE

Brussels, Jan. 11.—Presidents of the three leading Belgian parties, Catholic, Liberal and Socialists met behind closed doors with Mr Gaston Eyskens, the Prime Minister, today in an effort to end the strike which has dislocated the country for more than three weeks.

"The thaw is developing", a well-informed source told Reuter. "Things are moving on".

A high Socialist source said some leaders of his party were strongly hoping for a "reconciliation of public safety" representing government, opposition, trade unions and employers, to settle the strike.

A preliminary three-party conference was followed by a more formal meeting of the three presidents — Mr Leo Collard, Socialist; Mr Theo Lefevre, Catholic; and Mr Agger Molz.

DRAMATIC APPEAL

Last night Mr. Chilly Van Acker, 73-year-old Socialist former prime minister, made a dramatic "appeal for negotiations" which he coupled with

an amendment to the government's austerity bill.

The amendment proposed that checks on unemployment benefit claims should be submitted to a parliamentary committee before taking effect.

For the first time since the bill was introduced, Mr Eyskens agreed the amendment should be referred to a parliamentary committee.

This morning the committee accepted it as a government motion and approved it with all the members voting in favour except the one Communist.

In the afternoon, the amendment was adopted in the House. —Reuter.

First strike in Melbourne zoo's history

Melbourne, Jan. 11.—Melbourne zoo keepers and gardeners went on strike today for the first time in the zoo's history.

If the men do not return to work tomorrow the zoo may have to be closed down. It is now one of the zoo's busiest periods with tens of thousands of schoolchildren on southern hemisphere summer holidays.

NON-UNIONISTS

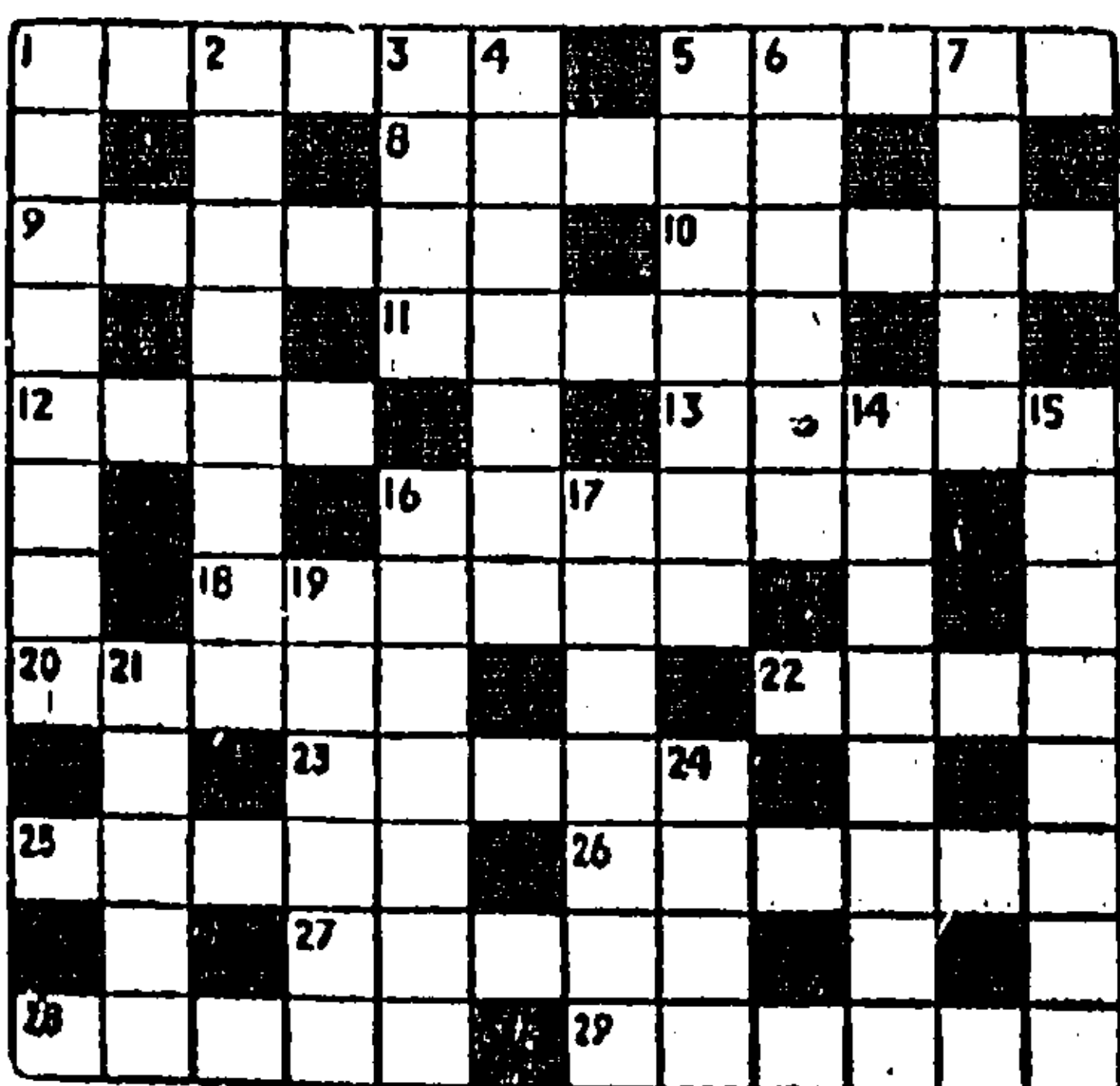
Zoo director, Mr A. G. Whitlam, told reporters after the men went on strike this afternoon that if they did not return to work tomorrow morning the zoo might have to close. The 73 Miscellaneous Workers' Union members struck

because three other zoo employees refused to join the union.

At a union meeting yesterday zoo employees decided to strike unless the three men, Englishman Mr B. Clappett, a chimpanzee keeper, Mr C. McIlwain, an elephant driver and Mr W. Mulholland, a horse buyer, joined the union this afternoon.

The non-unionists told reporters they intended to "stick to their guns" and not join the union on the basis that they believed there was no compulsory unionism in Victoria. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Bend in the road (6).
- 5 White's speciality (5).
- 8 Female of the species (5).
- 9 More elaborate washer (6).
- 10 Dances to jazz (6).
- 11 Primitive shoe (5).
- 12 Field weed (4).
- 13 Unlicensed bar (5).
- 14 Go into retreat (6).
- 15 Brought to fever pitch (6).
- 16 Domestic water holders (5).
- 17 Transatlantic state (4).
- 18 Popular not necessarily in London (5).
- 19 All Italian musicians (5).
- 20 See that porter (6).
- 21 For warming up hoist (5).
- 22 Make more attractive (5).
- 23 Has an inkling (6).

DOWN

- 1 Turn over in your mind (8).
- 2 The 51st Psalm (8).
- 3 Breeding stock (4).
- 4 Spins on an axis (7).
- 5 Coaxed one a little bit? (7).
- 6 Inseparable (6).
- 7 Kid that isn't dressed! (5).
- 14 Church rooms (8).
- 15 Food quality (6).
- 16 Serge, maybe (7).
- 17 Fixes securely (7).
- 18 You should hear him speak! (6).
- 21 Was willina? (8).
- 24 The organ for news (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Snug, 7 Onion, 8 Urdu, 9 Army, 10 Discuss, 12 Shed, 15 Enter, 16 Daff, 19 Oboes, 21 State, 22 Avid, 23 Tenet, 25 Year, 26 Virtual, 30 Oval, 31 Grip, 32 Frank, 33 Eyed, Down: 1 Anvil, 2 Concert, 4 Nurse, 5 Guys, 6 Idle, 8 Asil, 11 Unlet, 13 Flood, 14 Dusk, 18 Revert, 19 Fairy, 20 Date, 29 Bittern, 32 Anil, 34 Evade, 35 Taint, 37 Kery, 38 Rope.

Criticism of Soviet 'figure jugglers' Kennedy warned of U.S. lag in space race

Moscow, Jan. 11.—Premier Nikita Khrushchev told the Communist Party's Central Committee today party ranks must be cleared of figure-jugglers and incapable officials if the Soviet Union was ever to solve its chronic agricultural problems.

He interrupted a report on agriculture to the committee by Russian Federation Premier Dimitri Polyansky to proclaim that those trying to "hoodwink" the state by cheating on their production figures should be expelled from the party "irrespective of the posts they occupy."

At another juncture, Mr Khrushchev again broke in on Mr Polyansky to declare that Communist Party officials who could not cope with tasks set for them should resign as a matter of personal dignity.

Mr Khrushchev said: "Once he has taken an obligation and failed, then write an application saying, 'Comrades, I've failed. I ask to be relieved and my post given to a more capable person.'"

CLOSED SESSION

According to Izvestia's report on the closed plenum session, Mr Khrushchev cited as an example of the type of figure-juggling he objected to, the case of Communist officials who bought butter from stores and then delivered it to the state as part of their farm's production and delivery quota.

Mr Khrushchev's interjections apparently were the only indications of more serious criticisms of the nation's farm programme being levelled during the opening days of the session.

Mr Polyansky's speech said Mr Khrushchev, in a letter to the Central Committee and in talks with first secretaries and premiers of the Soviet Union's 15 republics, had sharply exposed the "serious shortcomings in guidance of agriculture" and the existence of too many basically incapable officials in agricultural posts. —UPI.

FBI after synagogue bombers

Chicago, Jan. 11.—U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents today stepped into the investigation of the bombing of a synagogue.

Major Richard Daley termed the blast a "shocking thing" and said he knew the Police Department will work to capture those who "desecrate houses of worship."

Police throughout the city were alerted to be on guard against similar incidents in other neighbourhoods.

The explosion occurred late on Tuesday night outside the basement entrance of the Anshe Emet Synagogue on the North Side.

KNOCKED LOOSE

The basement door and a inner door were knocked loose and about 100 windows in nearby buildings were shattered. James Gale, head of the FBI staff in Chicago, said his men sought evidence of any violation of Federal laws.

William Nudelman, executive director of the synagogue, said classes and services were continuing on schedule. But police searched the classrooms early in the day to make sure no explosives were hidden in any of them. —AP.

Flying fishermen

London, Jan. 11.—A tangerine cat 8 1/2 ft. long and weighing 80 lb. was caught by the crew of the Welsh-owned RAF air-sea rescue helicopter with a boat-hook as they flew overhead. —London Express Service.

LAOS SITUATION CRITICAL SAYS FRENCH ENVOY

Washington, Jan. 11.—Mr Herve Alphand, the French Ambassador, held a 40-minute conference today with Mr Christian Herter, the Secretary of State, on the Laos situation and said afterwards to reporters that the situation there was "very critical."

The Ambassador told reporters it was the common aim of the West that there should be no outside intervention in Laos, but he said the Western powers were still discussing methods of ensuring the South-east Asian kingdom's independence.

Mr Alphand's call on Mr Herter followed yesterday's conference between the Secretary of State and Mr Mikhail Menshikov, the Soviet Ambassador.

Unofficial

The Soviet envoy was unofficially reported to have told Mr Herter that his government still recognised as Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, who fled to neighbouring Cambodia last month. The United States recognises the Government of Prince Boun Oum, the pro-Western Premier who recently received a vote of confidence from the Laos National Assembly.

Mr Alphand said that he and Mr Herter had talked about Mr Menshikov's visit, but he did not go into details.

Asked if he anticipated any new moves for convening an international conference on the Laotian situation, the French Ambassador replied: "I think we first should see what we can do through diplomatic channels before having a conference."

The Ambassador said it was not true, as reported from Cambodia today, that President de Gaulle had accepted a Cambodian invitation for France to be represented at a proposed 14-nation international conference on Laos.

Not accepted

Mr Alphand said that France had not accepted and he knew also that the United States had not accepted the invitation.

Later, however, a French Embassy spokesman amplified the Ambassador's remark by saying that, while France had not accepted the invitation, it also had not rejected it. He said the invitation was under study.

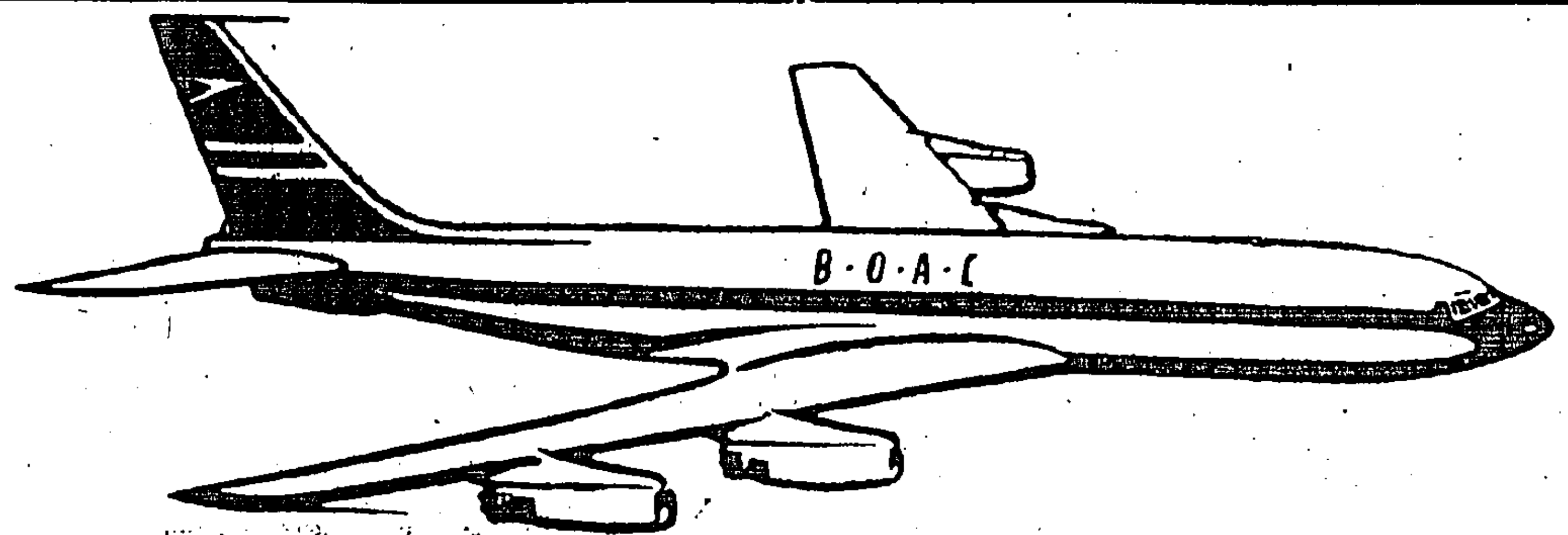
Mr Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, said today that the United States was giving "earnest consideration" to Cambodia's proposal.

Not useful

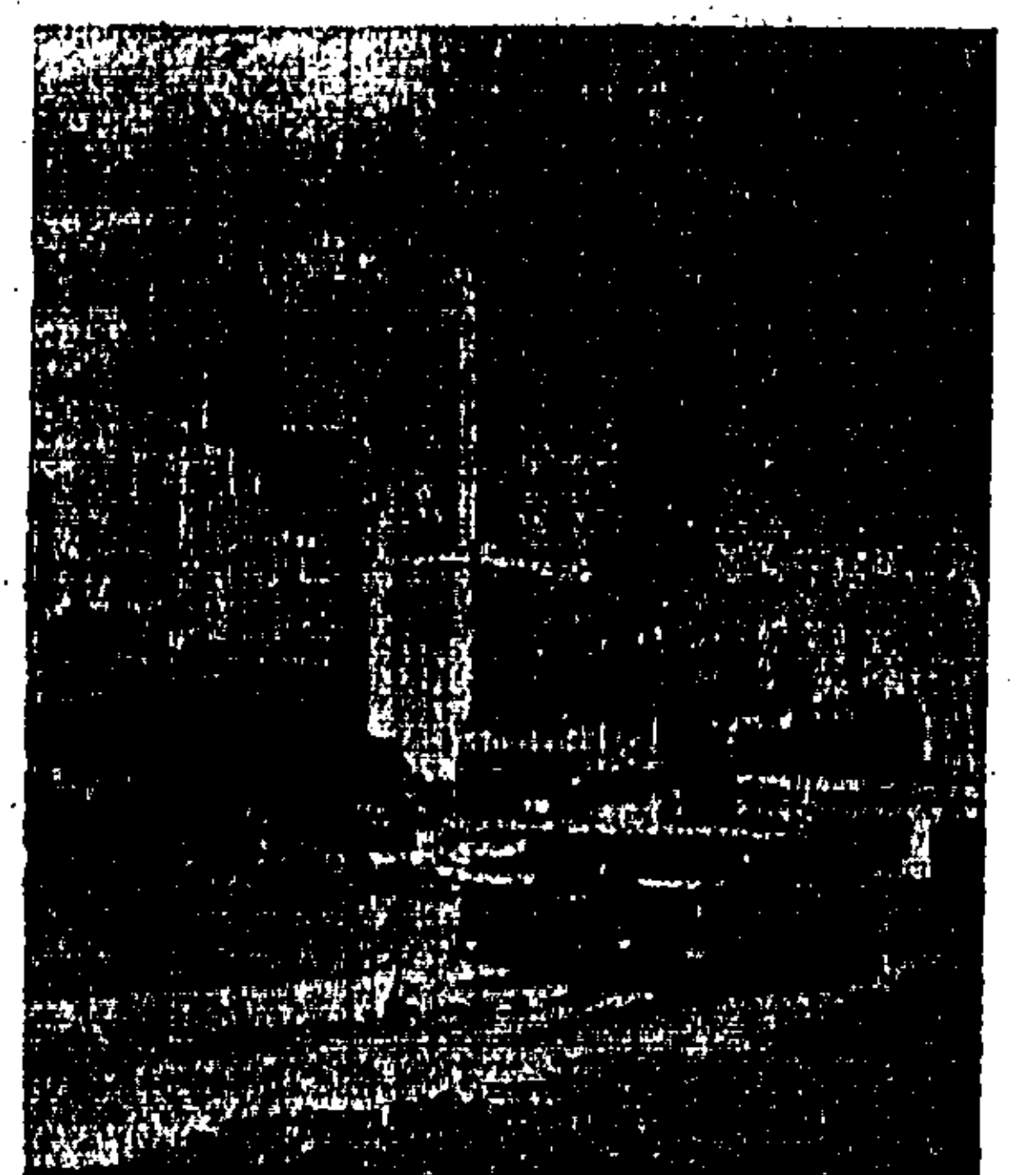
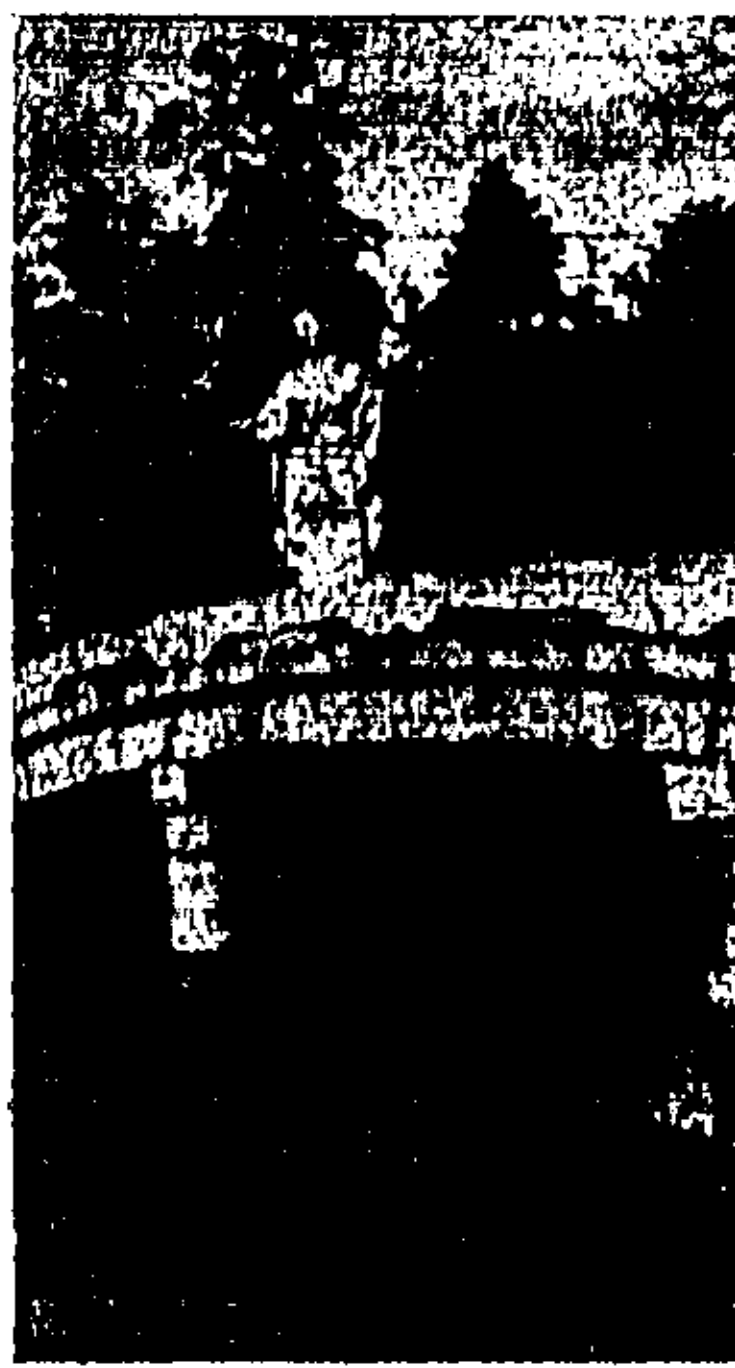
However, informed diplomatic sources said the United States felt that such a conference as had been suggested by Prince Sihanouk, would not serve a useful purpose at this time when other efforts were still being made to achieve peace in Laos. —Reuter.

Post Office grab

London, Jan. 11.—A man vaulted over the counter of a sub-post office in Katherine-road, East Ham, London, and snatched nearly £50 from the till. Another raider kept guard, and they were both driven off by a third man. —London Express Service.



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IN ENGLAND
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London, Jan. 11.
The bodies of between 5,000 and 6,000 German servicemen killed in the two World Wars are to be exhumed from British cemeteries and churchyards and placed in a new cemetery of their own, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission announced.

GREAT
IRISH
TREASURE
TAKEN TO
LONDON

London, Jan. 11.
Five men with shabby suitcases brought Ireland's greatest art treasure, the eighth century Book of Kells, from Dublin for exhibition at the Royal Academy in London from today.

The illuminated 128 page version of the Gospels—insured for £1 million for the journey—travelled under unusual security arrangements.

Daily Express columnist William Hickey said the five "guards" looked like a compartment of the Irish mail train for the 12-hour train and steamer journey. Two of them were Irish detectives.

Detectives

The party, led by Professor Herbert Parke, Librarian of Trinity College, Dublin, where the book is normally kept, were met at London's Euston Station by Scotland Yard detectives.

The book, which has been described as the most beautiful in the world, was carried in a case which looked like an old laundry box with rusty locks and a frayed leather strap.

Another great Celtic art treasure which will be exhibited alongside it here is the seventh century Book of Lindisfarne—another version of the Gospels also illuminated by monks over 1,000 years ago.—China Mail Special.

TASK FORCE

New York, Jan. 11.
A US training task force steamed toward Puerto Rico today for eight weeks of marine amphibious war games.

Amphibious Squadron 10 included its flagship Boxer, a converted aircraft carrier used as amphibious assault ship. The Boxer carried about 1,200 US Marines.—AP.

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—AND HURLED TO THE GROUND—

THEY DON'T WANT ME—IT WAS HERE THEY WERE AFTER!

UNDIGNIFIED?

DAKOTAS FOR
QUEEN IN
NEPAL

London, Jan. 11.
Two Dakota aircraft will carry the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the Nepalese section of their coming Asian tour, the Air Ministry stated here tonight.

British press reports earlier today questioned whether the veteran Dakotas would be com-

patible with the "dignity of the occasion."

The Air Ministry spokesman commenting on press reports said "neither has been taken out of moth balls. Both are VIP aircraft which have always been used when necessary."

"The Dakotas are the most suitable proven type of aircraft."

He added that both Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Minister for Aviation, and Mr Julian Amery, Secretary of State for Air, were in agreement over the choice of Dakotas after a suggestion that the Handley Page Herald should be used in Nepal was ruled out because it only received its airworthiness certificate on January 5.

Prior to the Royal flight to Kathmandu—the highest airfield to be used by the planes—the Dakotas will carry out familiarisation flights.

RAF pilots

The Dakotas will be flown by two crack RAF pilots, Squadron Leaders Peter Langley and Desmond Divers, both aged 38 and married.

The Dakota, or D.C.3, developed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in the United States in the late 1930's, has an excellent safety record.

British European Airways took Dakotas off their European services last year, but these planes are still in use with the RAF overseas and with several other air forces and civil airlines, especially those operating from small airfields.—China Mail Special.

TAXI
DRIVER
IN
CRASH

A taxi driver charged with careless driving was fined £125 or seven days' imprisonment this morning by Mr I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court.

He was Choy Kuen-chung of 78 Lockhart-road, third floor. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Prosecutor, Inspector A. F. Blair, said the accident occurred while Choy was driving his taxi in a queue of cars along Queen's-road East at 5.35 pm on November 7.

He said that at a point 300 yards west of the gate of HMS Tatnall, the car immediately in front of Choy's taxi stopped. Choy failed to stop his car in time and smashed into the car, pushing it onto another car.

The sandwiched car was heavily damaged while the other two sustained only slight damage.

U.S. NAVY PLANE
CRASHES IN SEA

Tokyo, Jan. 12.
The U.S. Navy said today a small single-engine naval attack plane crashed into the Pacific

Ocean near Hachijo Island last night while returning to its aircraft-carrier Coral Sea.

A Navy spokesman, however, said the pilot ejected before the plane crashed into the sea, about 40 miles southeast of Hachijo Jima, 180 miles south of Tokyo.

The spokesman said the Skyhawk jet plane was returning from Aomori Naval Base, south of Tokyo, it was flying with another Skyhawk which returned safely to the Coral Sea, an aircraft-carrier assigned to the U.S. 7th Fleet.

The spokesman said the cause of the pilot ejection was not known.—AP.

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The ten-chip ticket to the land of dreams

by Clive Graham

Calcutta. THEY picked him up off the street, one of those broken-pavement alleyways within a 5-iron shot of Chowringhee. About time too.

He was stiff, and he had been dead, lying out there, for all of 48 hours.

Nothing unusual, really. There are hundreds of poor old men like him who make the Calcutta streets their resting-place.

Night comes, the warm East Indian night. They pull the folds of their cotton robes over their heads, place a scrap of sacking between hip-bone and pavement, and doss down with a ticket for dreamland.

These old geezers, who are mostly professional beggars, scratch themselves awake when dawn sends a chilly, foul-smelling blanket of smog over the city.

This one didn't stir. His ticket, you might say, had no return half.

But—strange. When the men picked him up they noticed that he did, in fact, hold a ticket clenched between forefinger and thumb. A "ten-chip" ticket for No. 1 house in the sixth race at nearby Calcutta race-course, which had staged its meeting two days previously.

Paid off

Knowing that I had been to the races there, Aziz, my buddy, asked whether the ticket was a winner.

"Big-money ticket. Ten chip, sahib," he reported.

It was a winner all right—Norse King—even if it paid only six rupees to the 10-rupee stake. At that, 16 rupees, about 25s, must have represented a rajah-sized sum to the old man.

But now did he come to have the ticket at all? That seemed almost impossible to figure out. Most probably, I suppose, some slaphappy rascals who had forgotten to cash it thrust it into his hand.

Or can you imagine that, after a lifetime of backing losers, he had scribbled together all his pinches and savings and had bet the lot on this virtual certainty?

And then had he brought back this evidence of his fortune, to crow over his fellow-destitutes, before cashing it next day at the toll office?

Anyway, it just goes to show that the punter's lot is a hard one, the world over.

No momma

A little later a small bare-foot boy, about six years old, was standing on the spot where the old man had died, calling plaintively: "Me no momma, me no momma, me no cat."

A passer-by fished in his pocket for a few coins.

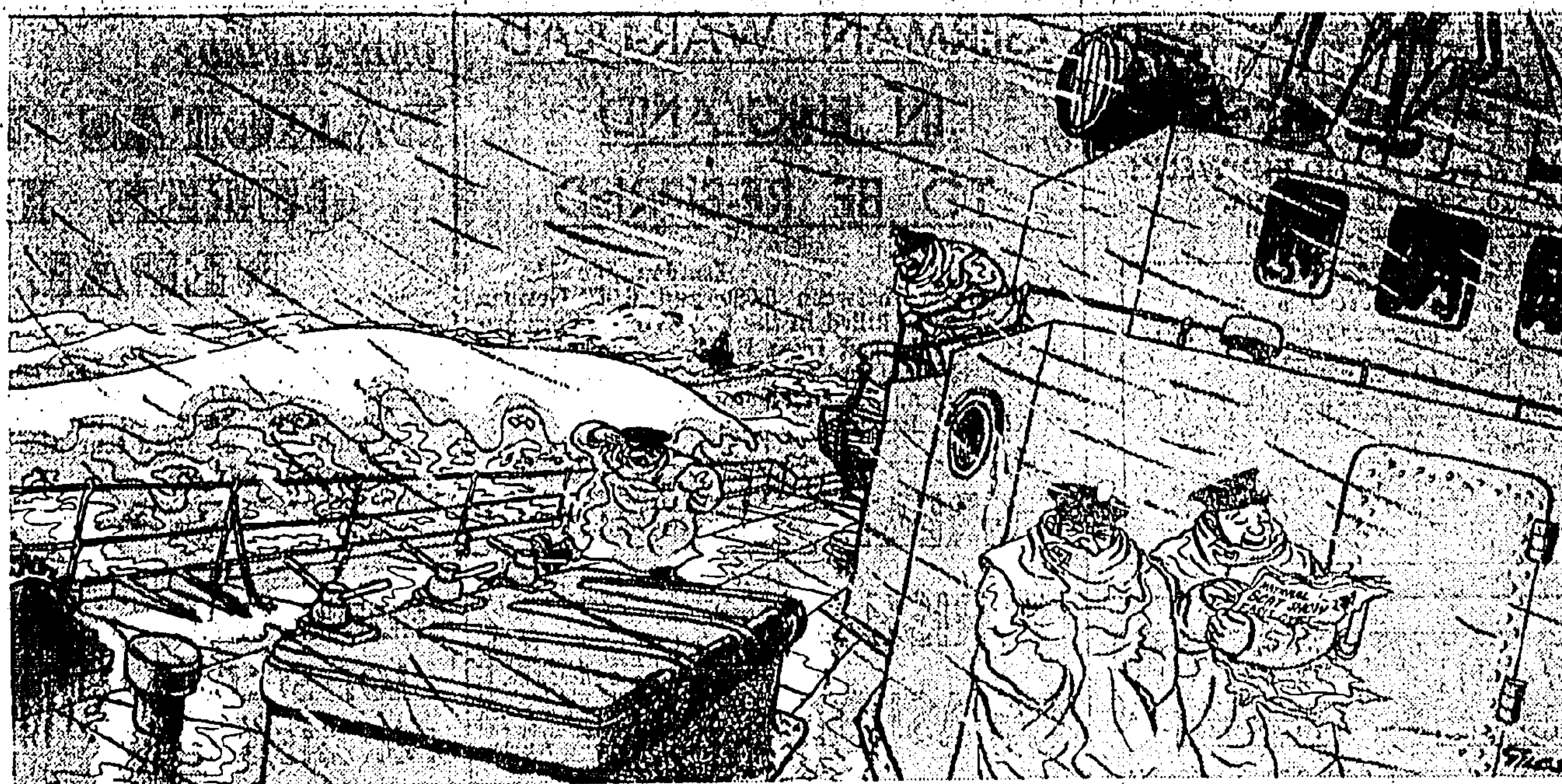
"You be a bookmaker, son, when you grow up," he said.

More correctly phrased, shouldn't "when" have been replaced by "if"? I reckon so. —(London Express Service).

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A CRISIS IN LAOS: BUT LOOK TO THE LATINS FOR 1961's BIGGEST FLASHPOINT.

THE year 1960 will go down in history as "Africa Year"—with 17 new states emerging to independence, with crisis in Algeria and South Africa, and with the tragic pantomime of the Congo.

But now, I predict, the focus of world attention will shift across the southern Atlantic—to the great tropical forests of Brazil, Venezuela and Peru, to the high Andean plateaux, to the "Banana Republics" of the Panama Isthmus: 1961 will be Latin American Year.

For five centuries, Latin America has remained in the background of world history. Its influence on events has been largely accidental.

In the 16th century, the vast Spanish imports of gold from Mexico and Peru caused an inflationary spiral in Europe, thus forcing Henry VIII to "nationalise" the monies of the Reformation in England.

First slump

In the 1820's the collapse of the South American mining boom produced the first of the modern trade cycles—and introduced Europe to the meaning of the word "slump."

But apart from incidents such as these, the continent was merely a rich stamping ground for merchant adventurers. Latin Americans took part in both World Wars, they voted at the League of Nations and the UN, but they were little more than lobby-fodder.

Their armies were Gilbertian, their presidents puppets, their revolutions a sub-editor's joke.

BY PAUL JOHNSON

Now Latin America is moving purposefully on to the centre of the stage. Under the impact of modern antibiotics and hygiene, its population is exploding—at an annual rate of increase of three per cent. In Sao Paulo it has the world's fastest-growing city, the richest urban area south of the equator. Brazil is now the best investment market on earth.

But Latin America is discontented and increasingly violent.

'Genuine'

The downward trend in raw material prices over the last decade has clipped its income by more than £350 million a year. Its depleted rural areas can no longer feed the swollen populations of its cities. Many millions of its inhabitants see their standard of

living, already miserably low, declining still further.

Into this black of dynamite, Fidel Castro has cast a spark. His is the first "genuine" revolution in Latin American history—the equivalent of 1789 in Europe. In less than two years, he has smashed the old feudal army, dispossessed the propertied classes and seized virtually all the holdings of foreign capital.

All over the continent, his acts are viewed with fervent admiration by the great majority of the Latins. Landless peasants, university students, young army officers, the unemployed in the cities—the same groups who created Nazism in the Middle East—regard him as a saviour.

His political philosophy—Marxism—is the creed of millions; his battle-cry—Cuba Si, Yanqui No!—is shouted in the streets 3,000 miles

away by men who do not even know where Cuba is.

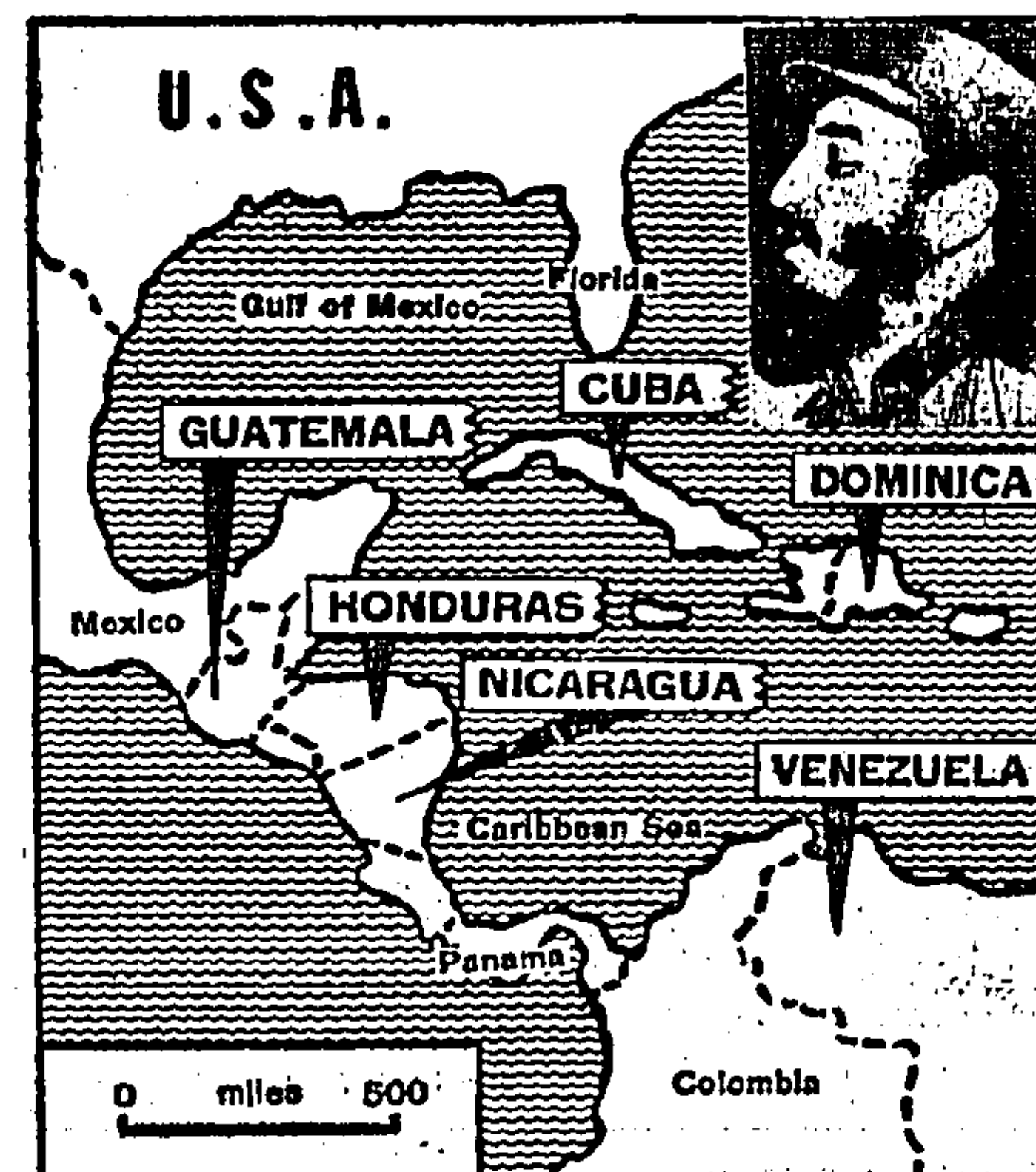
For two years, Castro has been consolidating his position on the island. Now his agents are spreading through the continent. And they are preaching to the converted. Here is my line-up for 1961:

Revolts

THE CARIBBEAN.—In the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras there will be pro-Castro revolts.

VENEZUELA.—The pro-American government of President Betancourt will be replaced by an army dictatorship—and this in turn will provoke a Castro-inspired revolution. An attempt will be made to nationalise the Venezuelan oil industry, the second largest in the world.

THE ARGENTINE.—The shaky democratic regime of President Frondizi will be swept away. There will be a violent struggle for power between two army groups. The Peronists will join hands with pro-Castro and



CASTRO—The face that dominates a continent.

Communist elements, and try to stage a working-class revolution.

BRAZIL.—Under its new, live wire President, Juscelino Kubitschek, Brazil will emerge as the champion of pro-Western Orthodoxy. Kubitschek will become the rival to Castro for the emotional leadership of the continent.

In these struggles, the Communist bloc—and especially China—will play an ever-growing role.

President Kennedy will be under fierce pressure to intervene

with military force, especially in the Caribbean.

In the UN, he will be strongly opposed by the new nations of Africa and Asia, who will join hands with Castro, in opposing "Yanqui imperialism."

And finally, Mr Macmillan, with the lessons of Suez in mind, will emerge as the peacemaker. And with reason for Britain still has a £1,000 million stake in "the Continent of 1961."

—(London Express Service).

JUST FANCY THAT

AN unknown magician pulled off his biggest coup at LaGuardia Airport, New York, the other day when an official opened an unclaimed suitcase and saw powder and wires. Bomb squad police and G-men raced through a snowstorm—and found the case full of balloons, horns, feathers, and other magician's tricks.

★ ★ ★

BITES and bruises were the reward of Cairo policemen who tried recently to enforce a new law that walkers must keep to the pavements and women objected.

They say that the pavements ruin their heels and when policemen ordered them off the roads they bit, kicked, and scratched.

One policeman, Abdul Nabi, had six stitches put into face and hand wounds.

—(London Express Service).

SPOT-A-ROCKET RADAR IS BRITISH TRIUMPH

By PETER FAIRLEY

BRITISH scientists have achieved an important break-through in radar. They have successfully used a new technique to detect missiles at the moment of launching—thousands of miles away.

The new radar—code-named Project Madge—gives an accurate "fix" on a rocket seconds after blast-off. It is a big advance over the present Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, which can only pick up a rocket as it climbs above the horizon—some eight minutes after firing from Russia.

I understand that in a series of long-range tests, rockets launched in the U.S. were clearly detected.

Over the horizon

The breakthrough came as a result of close co-operation between a British team at the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern and U.S. Navy scientists, who supplied full details of their indigenous experiments.

The British goal of perfecting a radar to render a missile impotent, it supplies the basic ingredients—a high frequency system which pulses energy over the curve of the Earth.

The more ambitious project—known as the "T-2000" warhead, or how the missile violently off course by interfering with its gyroscopic guidance—is still in its early stages. But it is proceeding with full Government backing.

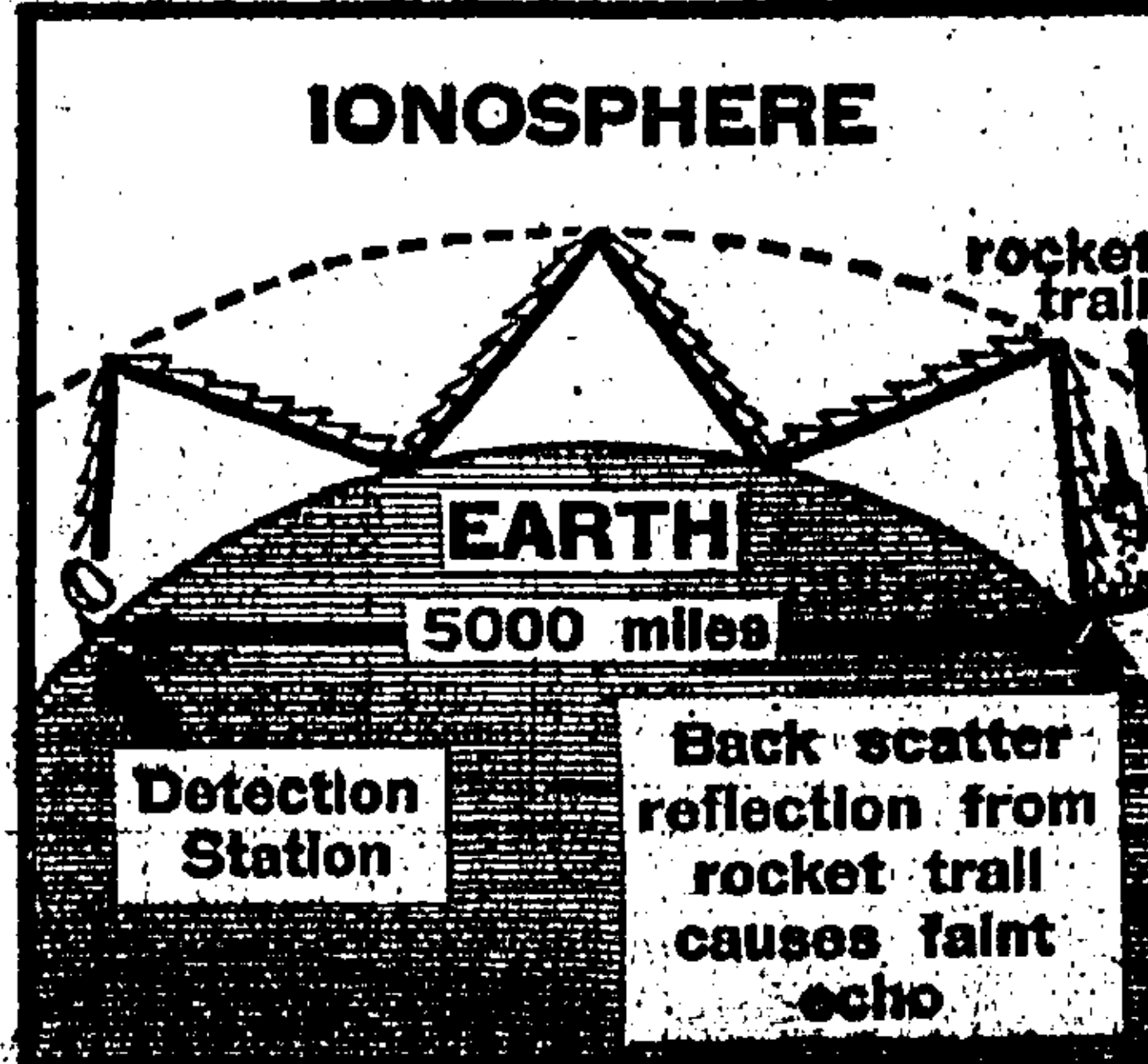
For British defence experts are convinced that the only safe strategy for the future is one based on destruction of missiles AS THEY LEAVE THE GROUND.

Madge is being talked of as "one of the finest examples of close harmony between Britain and America since the war." Its story is this:

All radar involves sending out strong pulses of electrical energy, then picking up the tiny "echoes" reflected back. But the pulses travel in a straight line. Problem—how to bend them over the horizon? Dr William J. Thaler, a U.S. Navy expert, hit on the idea of "T-2000" warhead. Zig-zag fashion, off the underside of the ionosphere—the atmosphere layer which acts like a metal reflector. But to get enough reflection, Thaler had to use signals of low frequency.

Definition

Clear definition in radar pictures only comes with high frequencies. So the Malvern team tried using the T-2000 warhead. Zig-zagging pulses—rather as human speech is superimposed on to a radio wave. The picture-book idea worked. The result is a radar which can "see" the face of Russia and detect T-2000 war-



This diagram shows how Britain's new radar works. The wobbly line shows the signal carried on the back of the T-2000 warhead. When it strikes the ionosphere, some energy is scattered back—appearing as a recognizable echo in the detection station.

Changes as a change in the pattern of echoes—by their exact angles.

Agents from being a jump forward towards the much desired goal of "T-2000" warhead. Madge will greatly improve the



"Another day, says it doesn't seem to matter to my head."

WOMANSENSE

FASHION NEWS

by Barbara Griggs

WHERE are the Golden Girls of 1961? Who are the highly paid models whose faces are destined to flash out at us triumphantly all of this year from every fashion picture in newspaper or magazine?

Twelve months ago there was a splendid crop coming on—several of them now in the 15-guinea-an-hour bracket and inclined to be prima-donna-ish.

This year? Talk to the agencies and they're determinedly optimistic. "We have one splendid girl coming on," they enthuse. "Tall, skinny, enormous brown eyes, heaps of character, long hair."

"Booked-up? Well, not too terribly much at the moment—but we know the photographers will love her once they start using her."

Talk to the photographers themselves—and they're shades less optimistic. Where are the Golden Girls indeed?

Norman Parkinson for a start thinks that the situation in this country has never been worse—so much so that he hands out the air-fare to have model-girls flown in from America occasionally when pushed.

But, he supposes, resignedly, that it's like crops—some years are awful, others yield a bumper harvest.

John Donaldson is not merely pessimistic, but highly critical as well. "The trouble with modelling in this country is the sheer lack of professionalism. Girls rarely turn up on time, don't bring a choice of cosmetics and shoes, never think of getting to the job early to make up correctly."

But the truth is that, like all the minor arts related to fashion, photography is in the end a highly personal affair.

Almost all couturiers have their favourite mannequin—like Dior's cheeky off-beat Victoire—or a favourite client—like Givenchy's Audrey Hepburn—who inspire them to their peak of creative inspiration.

In tune

In the same way a fashion photographer may discover one model who epitomises his own personal idea of what he wants on his camera, with whom he establishes at once some sort of photographic affinity.

And if for some photographers the outlook is black, for others it is rich in promise and fresh material.

For John Cole, his 1961 discovery is 22-year-old STELLA GROVE, a tall brunette with a singularly expressive mouth and a wide-eyed sensitivity that converts to cheekiness at the drop of a shutter.

A relative newcomer to the modelling business, she tried five times early last year to burst in on John, was finally booked by him as a last resort and extra model for an advertising shot—and turned out so marvellous he has been using her as often as possible ever since.

She is an Eliza Doolittle model. Shots from a single session show a range all the way from perky sparrow to icy grande dame.

Despair!

For Norman Bates, it's a young young model JEAN SHRIMPTON—tall, vital, skinny, "I'm sure she'll go straight to America and marry an industrialist," says Norman despairingly.

Girl who didn't have to bother overmuch with keeping her feet wedged in the door in 1960—and is all set for a sprint to the top in 1961—is 22-year-old MARIE-LISE GREY (French, but no relation to the couturier) whose looks have a

Glorious girls: scarce in 1961

port monkey quality until you notice the heavy-lidded beautiful eyes and the wide fine mouth.

Impossible to visualise her modelling at the Ritz in a black suit and an oprey hat, the smart end of Chelsea has claimed her and photographers find her a perfect clothes-horse for cool contemporary clothes.

Three faces—for a start. How many more Golden Girls will 1961 edge forward into the flood-lights, showing us fashion in what new unpredictable mood?

Rave from Morocco...

PARIS fashion is never anything except essentially French. But sometimes it catches a cross-wind from another age, another way of life, another part of the world.

Like Lanvin-Castille's Renaissance beauties or Givenchy's monolithic evening cloaks, or Dior's severely Eastern straight evening dresses (designed after a long holiday in Japan) or Yves St Laurent's dreaming 19th century creations.

So, for what the news is worth, I record with considerable anticipation that J. F. Crayon, brilliant young designer for Nina Ricci, spent a long, long holiday in Morocco, accompanied by his chief assistant, designer, and returned raving about Moroccan light and colour and peasant clothes, before he settled down to work at the Spring collection we shall know all about by the end of this month....

Indian summer...

TAKE note of a successor to last year's unending gingham (which replaced the unending denim of the year before).

This summer it is highly likely to be Madras, the soft checked

Indian cotton made in combinations of yellow, green and flame, or yellow, grey and black, or blue, indigo and green.

Its most famous quality is that it is guaranteed NOT fast—colours blur and brighten in the wash like blue jeans.

A campus-girl classic for years, it is standard holiday wear in Jamaica and Bermuda because it is cheap and because it stands up to strong sunlight.

Last year the only dresses I saw of it over here were an American import. This year, several British wholesalers have latched on to it in a big way.

The most go-ahead Paris wholesale house is using almost nothing else for its summer collection; and down in St Tropez Mme. Vachon (who does not like being called the Dior of the Côte d'Azur, but that is roughly what she is) is reputed to be toying with the idea.

Eyeline artistry...

A NEW toy for those who like having fun at the dressing-table: it's a propelling, self-sharpening eyeliner pencil of a pleasantly soft smooth texture.

The crayon emerges from its holder at a slant, so that you can draw the fine edge for defined work, or the broad edge for brow-strokes. You can buy it in black, brown, grey, blue or green—with refills available. (London Express Service).



STELLA GROVE: an Eliza Doolittle repertoire



JEAN SHRIMPTON: tall and vital.



MARIE-LISE GREY: perfect clothes-horse.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

AS I have pointed out earlier in this series of articles on the Jacoby slam convention if clubs are bid (except as Stayman) or if the bidding reaches the three level before the request for ace the Jacoby convention becomes plain Blackwood. However, I have three main rules about Blackwood which I will give here:

1. I don't use Blackwood when I have a worthless doubton in an unbid suit.

2. I don't use Blackwood unless I am prepared to bid six if my partner's response shows that we have three aces between us.

3. I only follow a Blackwood four no-trump with a Blackwood five no-trump when we hold all four aces.

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 5 4 ♣ A Q 7 6 ♦ 8 5 4 3 ♣ A K J 7
What do you do?
A—Bid three no-trump. You don't want to step short of game and your partner has only three spades at most.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand. Your partner responds one heart to your club opening. You bid two spades and he bids two no-trump. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 24			
♠ A K Q 9 4	♥ 8 5 4 3	♦ 10 8 6 0	♣ 10 8 7 3
WEST	EAST	SOUTH (D)	
♠ 10 5	♥ 6 2	♠ J 8 7 3	♥ Q 10
♥ 9 2	♦ 10 8 6 0	♦ K 2	♣ A K J 5 4
♠ A Q J 9 7 3	♥ 9 2	North and South vulnerable	
♠ 9 2	♥ 9 2	South	West North East
		1♣	1♦ 2♣ 3♦ 4♣
		2♣	Pass 4♥ 5♥ 6♥
		3♦	Pass 5♠ 6NT 7NT
		Pass	Pass
		Opening lead—♦ A	

North certainly wants to get to a slam after his partner raises spades, but North is looking at that doubton diamond. The best he can do is to show his hearts and then bid five spades.

At this point South should take stock and reason that he has a pretty sound hand and that if he is declarer, no one can lead through his king of diamonds. He should bid five no-trump and North should raise him to six.

All very easy when you see all the cards and almost as easy if you have a good partner and good partnership.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ting-a-Ling's Worried

—He's Afraid He'll Be Missed If He Goes Away—

By MAX TRELL

DEEP DOWN at the bottom of the Blue China Plate, Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-Around Names, saw the tiny figure waving to them in the pleasantest and most inviting manner.

Knarf and Hanid instantly recognised their old friend, Ting-a-Ling, who lived at the bottom of the plate.

"He wants us to come down," Knarf said to his sister.

Proper size

"I wonder why," said Hanid. After making themselves the proper size (about as small as a pin), Knarf and Hanid slid down the side of the plate. A few minutes later they were standing at the door of Ting-a-Ling's house.

"Come in," said Ting-a-Ling. Now you mustn't be surprised that anyone should be able to live at the bottom of a plate. For this was an unusual plate. If you looked down into it, you could see hills, and a lake that winked like a silver eye in

the sun, and old bent trees, and birds with outstretched wings flying in a blue sky, and Ting-a-Ling's house!

Ting-a-Ling's house was set on top of one of the hills overlooking the lake.

Sat down, too

Hanid still kept wondering why Ting-a-Ling had waved to them to come down to see him. She was quite sure that this was not an ordinary visit.

Knarf and Hanid sat down on cushions on the floor. Ting-a-Ling brought them tea in tiny cups and sweet wafers to nibble on.

Ting-a-Ling himself sat down on a cushion and sipped tea and nibbled a wafer.

Finally he said, smiling: "I suppose you are wondering why I asked you to come down here and see me?"

Knarf and Hanid replied that they were wondering—a little. "It's to ask you a question and get your answer," Ting-a-Ling said.

Knarf and Hanid nodded and waited for the question.



Ting-a-Ling served tea and wafers to the Shadows.

"Do you think," Ting-a-Ling said, and though he smiled, he seemed a little hesitant and uneasy, "that I could go away for a day or two? Do you think anyone in this big house where we all live would mind?"

The Blue China Plate stood on the table in the dining room of the big house. Every day, and sometimes many times a day, the folks who lived in the big house looked down into the Blue China Plate to admire and enjoy the hills, the lake that looked like a silver eye winking in the sun, the old bent trees and the birds in the blue sky.

They'd miss him

"And above all at my house," said Ting-a-Ling. "I'm quite sure they'd know I was gone," he added.

Ting-a-Ling said that the reason he wanted to go away for a day or two was because he just received news that a very old and a very dear friend of his, named Sing-Song, was not feeling well.

"I'd like to cheer Sing-Song up by sitting with him in his garden," said Ting-a-Ling. "Does Sing-Song have a garden, too?" Knarf asked.

Ting-a-Ling smiled and nodded.

Just like his

"He has a garden just like mine and a house just like mine. And from the window of his house he can see a silver lake, blinking in the sun—just like mine."

"And," interrupted Hanid, "does Sing-Song's farm have hills just like yours, and old bent trees, just like yours, and birds in a beautiful blue sky?"

"Exactly the same," said Ting-a-Ling.

Where sing-song lives

Knarf cried: "Does Sing-Song live in that other Blue China Plate on the top shelf in the kitchen?"

"He does," said Ting-a-Ling. Knarf and Hanid promptly answered that they were sure that no one in the big house would mind in the least if Ting-a-Ling, who lived in the bottom of the Blue China Plate that stood on the dining room table, left for a day or two to visit his friend, Sing-Song, who lived in a Blue China Plate that stood on the top shelf in the kitchen.

Rupert and the Purple Star—39



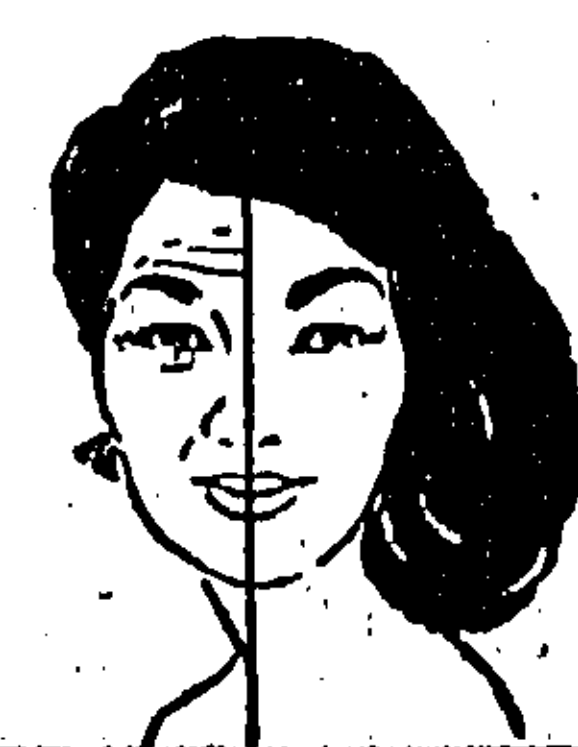
Near the top of the slope Sailor Sam sinks to a boulder and mops his brow. "Tis no use," he gasps breathlessly. "Can't keep up this sort of thing—too old for running uphill—never could run much, anyway—oh, dear, oh, dear—iron box gone—Black Pedro the old paper!"



gone, never catch him now—oh, dear! Suddenly Rupert gives a start. "No, no, you're wrong!" he shouts. "All this excitement made me forget what happened. Black Pedro has gone, and he has the iron box, but he hasn't got the old paper!"

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London Express Service

FA CUP SHOCK RESULT

Champion Wolves lose to lowly placed Huddersfield

London, Jan. 11.

The mighty Wolverhampton Wanderers were knocked out of the English FA Cup tonight by Huddersfield Town, whose present League position is near the bottom of the Second Division.

At Monday's collover, Wolves were nine to one third favourites to win the Cup, and Huddersfield were in the "100 to one and upwards" group.

Huddersfield fully deserved their 2-1 win in the third round replay tonight. Their defenders gave nothing away, and their forwards were off to a flying start when Derek Stokes headed a goal after three minutes.

Stokes missed a penalty in the first half, and from another penalty-kick, Jim Murray equalised for Wolves a minute before half-time. But Huddersfield clinched the match after 76 minutes with a second goal, scored by teen-age winger O'Grady.

In the next round Huddersfield are home to Barnsley who

beat Reading 3-1 in another replay today.

The defeat of Wolves, the holders of the trophy, was the big shock of today's seven replays. But Second Division Stoke City brought off a lesser surprise by eliminating West Ham United, of the First Division.

A goal by Denis Wildman in the first minute of extra time gave Stoke a 1-0 victory.

Results

Results of today's FA Cup third round replays were:

Barnsley	3	Reading	1
Huddersfield	2	Wolves	1
Blackburn	3	Chesterfield	1
Norwich C.	1	York C.	0
Shrewsbury	2	Aldershot	0
Stoke	1	West Ham	0
Manchester C.	0	Cardiff	0

—Reuter.

Pender hasn't a chance says Terry Downes

Boston, Jan. 11.

Paul Pender, the world middleweight champion, and Terry Downes, the British challenger, both wound up training today for their world championship fight here on Saturday, January 14.

Downes, who is British champion, is planning a victory party to follow the fight. He said: "Why shouldn't we plan for it? Pender hasn't got a chance. I'll catch him in the tenth—that's where the excitement is going to come."

Downes continued: "The money I am making is little enough. I have so many expenses that I'll be lucky if I break even but I'm going to win the championship."

Pender, currently an 8-5 favourite for the fight, when told about Downes' plans for a party, said: "Now that's what I call being a sport. Boy, the British are great, imagine throwing a victory party for me."—Reuter.

ANOTHER U.S. DAVIS CUPPER MAY BE SUSPENDED

San Francisco, Jan. 11. The San Francisco Examiner says 19-year-old tennis star Dennis Ralston very likely faces suspension from the United States Lawn Tennis Association for temper display.

Ralston's case will be taken up behind "closed doors" at the USLTA's Executive Committee meeting in New Orleans on Feb. 3, the newspaper said today.

Ralston was team-mate of Charles McKelley, 20, of St. Louis, Missouri on the recent Davis Cup trip to Australia. McKelley was suspended in Perth because of a racket throwing incident.

The Examiner said that Davis Cup Captain Dave Freed and USLTA President Victor Denny are reportedly pressing for Ralston's suspension.—AP.

SOBERS OUT FOR NINE



All eyes on Bobby Simpson as he tuggles the ball. He held it—and Ritchie Benaud has Garfield Sobers out for nine in the West Indies' first innings during the second Test match at Melbourne last week. Simpson was also the fielder who caught out Sobers for nought in the second innings—this time off Martin.

Boxer dies after a bout

Wheeling, Jan. 11. A United States 18-year-old middleweight boxer died here in West Virginia during the night a few hours after a professional bout.

Sherman Walker who has just turned professional had been sent to the canvas by his opponent John Carmichael before the referee stopped the scheduled three round bout in the second round. With blood streaming from his nose Walker collapsed after being taken to his corner. He died four hours later without regaining consciousness.—AP.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Badminton
 Junior Mixed Doubles: KCC v LKC.
 Men's "C" Doubles: Chung Cheong v India Club, St Stephen's v LKC.
Baseball
 Colony Blay at San Wai range, Fanling.
Golf
 Entries close for the Latimer Cup (Ladies' Section).

League table

League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Recreio	10	10	0	0	4	1	20
Greenlins 'A'	10	8	0	2	53	4	16
RGV 'A'	10	7	1	2	41	0	15
KCC	10	5	1	4	23	11	11
Victorians	10	3	1	6	28	7	7
Greenlins 'B'	10	3	0	7	19	42	6
St George's	10	0	2	8	2	20	2
RGV 'B'	10	0	1	9	2	51	1

Weekend fixtures

SATURDAY
Ladies' League
 KCC vs RGV 'B' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: A Von der Stults, J. Marcell.
 Reccelo vs Greenlins 'B' at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: F Soares, J. Marcell.
 Victorians vs Greenlins 'A' at Happy Valley, 2.30 pm. Umpires: H. C. W. Crebas, F. Van Dongen.
 St George's vs KGV 'A' at Happy Valley, 4 pm. Umpires: M. Caswell, B. Mail.

SUNDAY
Interport practices
 Hongkong Interport 'B' XI vs Combined Nav Bharat-IRC at Sookunpoo, 2 pm.
 Hongkong Interport XI vs Macaensis at Sookunpoo, 3.30 pm.

Men's League
 First Division
 IRC 'A' vs Reccelo 'B' at Sookunpoo, 11.30 am. Umpires: J. Howe, K. Lall.

Midlands clubs also reject soccer peace proposals

London, Jan. 11.

Following Tuesday's example of their Southern colleagues the Midlands clubs today rejected the Football League's latest proposals to avert the British footballers' strike set for January 21.

At their meeting in Birmingham, 19 Midlands clubs authorised their "Trade Union" the Professional Footballers' Association to take all the steps it judged necessary. This means that the strike is still set for January 21.

The Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Notts County and Northampton Clubs were not represented at the meeting. The North of England players' representatives meet tomorrow at Manchester.

Once the Professional Players' Association has been informed of the Northern vote it will contact the Ministry of Labour before taking its decision on the strike.

Reasons

The players rejected the League's latest proposals mainly because there was no change in the retain and transfer clause.

Mr Jimmy Hill, the PFA Chairman, said after the Midlands' two and half hours' meeting that the players had unanimously accepted a resolution from the floor "that the Committee should be given full authority to deal with the present situation as they think necessary."

Referring to the League's latest proposals the Chairman said: "The contract is obviously one where there is some difficulty. The players cannot accept them because:

- "Firstly, the clause itself precludes immediate negotiation to remove something in which they do not believe. It cannot be part of the agreement to accept this.
- "Secondly, they are unhappy about a situation where a man can be bound at the end

of his contract by not signing or not getting any wages. Mr Hill said the players wanted to make it clear they were not against a retain and transfer system. It was one of those things they conceded to the Football League that clubs must have the right to retain and transfer.—APF.

RUGBY RESULTS

London, Jan. 11.

Results in today's Rugby matches were:

RUGBY UNION

Newport 0, South Africans 3.

County Championship

play-off.

Eastern Counties 3, Hampshire 0.

Friendly match

Royal Navy 17, Civil Service 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield Trinity 18, Hull Kingston Rovers 15.—Reuter.

Mike Sangster in South Australia tennis semi-finals

Adelaide, Jan. 11.

British tennis player Mike Sangster is expected to reach his first major tennis final in Australia here tomorrow, when he got through his singles quarter-final round today in the South Australian Championships.

He will meet double-handed player, Neil Gibson, a nephew of former Wimbledon player Jack Crawford, in the semi-finals. Sangster recently won the Western Australian singles title but none of the leading Australian players completed. Should he win tomorrow, his final opponent is expected to be Davis Cup player, Rod Laver. Tomorrow's semi-finals will be the best of five sets. Earlier matches in the tournament were the best of three sets—a decision made by the organisers, in order to complete the programme more quickly.

Giant-killer

Gibson has earned the reputation of a "giant-killer". His best performance was in the French Championships in 1957 when he beat Lew Hoad. He also took Hoad to five sets in the South Australian Championships several years ago.

Sangster has shown on the Australian tour he had one of the best services in amateur tennis today, and is being freely tipped as Britain's best prospect since Fred Perry.

He is a sound volleyer and smashes well and his backhand return of service in his quarter-final singles yesterday against South Australian Barry Phillips-Moore, gave him many winners.

Sangster's major fault in Australia has been his judgment. He has lost a lot of points by allowing good length balls to go by thinking they will go over the baseline.—China Mail Special.

CLIVE GRAHAM IN MALAYA

It's racing de luxe for 2s. 6d.!

Singapore. One way and another, they have some crafty notions in these racing centres East of Suez.

That is why the stake money—average, £550 per race—throughout Malaya and better than £1,000 at Singapore—has such a high level, with prices ridiculously low for visitors to the super-comfortable accommodation.

Club membership at the main track here, for instance, costs an average of 2s. 6d. a day for 23 days' racing. Six lifts take spectators to the higher tiers of the stands, from where they can watch in arm-chair leisure.

Daily sweep

Tote-only betting and, more important, a daily sweep, are the fairy godmothers responsible for welding this particular wand.

Unfortunately, racing in Singapore now has a respite. For actual experience of the game out here I had to reconcile myself to a call at 5.30 on Christmas morning, to be up and out at the airport for the 7 am, 430-mile flight to Penang.

On the DC3 I fell in with a 50-year-old Frenchman, Claude Guinet, also Penang-bound. The green and red colours of his nom-de-course, the Vant Vici stable, are raced by 50 horses, mostly from England and Ireland.

Lunching blissfully some hours later at our hotel, looking out at the mother-of-pearl waters of the bay over a vase containing two dozen orchids, Claude outlined his prospects. From his seven runners he would have three winners for sure.

Penang racecourse, for all the many, scented beauties of its blossoms and flowering trees—mimosa frangipani, jacaranda, and tullep—proved as jolly to the devotees, however, as a wet day at Plumpton.

Line Shooter's half-brother, Little-wood (by Big Game), won all right, but the other two found the turf too firm.

Australian jockeys swept the card, although Garret Bougour, the only familiar name on the number-board, could not find a place among the winners.

All tested

Bob Norton, the stipendiary steward, guided me round to watch the racecourse vet, Chris Mac, M.V.C.V., take saliva-swabs of all runners before each race.

A spot check of these swabs is made in the nearby laboratory. Working with one assistant, he handles, tests, and passes 12 horses in as many minutes. (Any horse whose saliva gives a positive reaction is barred from running.)

The "off" here is effected from a Wed starting—balls, named after their New Zealand inventor, constructed of light alloy, and operated by a trigger mechanism.

Money for Vicio and other safeguards and amenities comes from the daily sweep, held invariably on the last race, a handicap.

The club takes 10 per cent and the owners' stake fund 10 per cent. An owner of an unplaced runner, for instance, draws nearly £50 for his hip socket the blow.

"They wouldn't believe this at home!" said English jockey D. L. ("Dave") Jones as we made our farewells before rushing to catch the evening plane back.

—London Express Service.

Details announced for Tour De France and Tour De Lavenir

Paris, Jan. 11.

The 48th Tour De France Professional Road Cycling Race to be held from June 25 to July 16 this year will have 21 stages covering 4,283.5 kilometres (2,677 miles).

Announcing the details of the world's toughest cycling race here today the Tour organisers said the race will start from the inland Normandy port of Rouen and following a clockwise route around France with "excursions" into Belgium and Italy will end at Paris.

132 starters

There will be two individual races against the clock and one rest day at Montpellier on July 8 for the 132 starters split into teams, representing France (one national and three regional teams), West Germany, Belgium,

Spain, Britain, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Ireland and Austria.

Riders from Austria, West Germany, Ireland and Britain will probably form an international team.

The organisers also announced the details of the first Tour De Lavenir (Race of the Future), for independent and amateur riders to be held from July 2 to July 10.

Already 10 countries have asked to be represented in this 2,200.05 kilometre (1,370 mile) race over 14 stages which starts from St. Etienne, Central France, and winds up at Paris on the same day as the Tour De France.

Teams of eight

The countries are: West Germany, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Congo, Denmark, France, Britain, Holland, India, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Switzerland, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

There will be one individual race against the clock and one rest day on July 7. The riders will be split into teams of eight. At least four riders from each country must be at least 21 years old.

Applications for this Tour must reach the organisers before March 10 and the names of the riders must be forwarded before June 15.—APF.

Narrow rugby win for Springboks

Newport, Jan. 11.

The South African Rugby Union touring team had to work hard to beat Newport by three points (a try) to nil here today.

The score came after only four minutes from Piet Van Zyl but the Springboks were often on the defensive.

Had Newport possessed a reliable goal-kicker, they would have won easily for four easy changes at penalty goals were missed.—Reuter.

TAE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



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K.O. PUNCH!



Jeers—then the wild man went berserk

Humiliating defeat for Georges Carpentier began with a savage punch from "The Fighting Ape..."

By
ALAN HOBY

He sprawled, a macabre and sinister figure, face downwards in the gutter. It was four o'clock on a raw December morning and dawn had not yet broken over the Hudson River when James J. Meehan, a New York policeman, found the body lying in a puddle of blood. The man, a massive-shouldered Negro, had been shot through the middle of his broad back.

Gaping through the gaudy check of his jacket were two blackened holes. A few yards away a revolver lay on the deserted sidewalk. Two shots had been fired from it. Patrolman Meehan shrugged. Drunks, deadbeats, dead men—he had seen them all in his routine business.

IT WAS SIKI

For this was Ninth Avenue and West 41st-street... this was "Hell's Kitchen," one of the toughest sections of the city where crooks, bootleggers, and the worst scum of the underworld festered. It was here, in a dark, narrow alleyway, that a fight between two men had taken place. One of the men, a massive-shouldered Negro, had been shot through the middle of his broad back. The other man, a white man, had been shot through the middle of his broad back. The fight had been a brutal one, and the result was a double fatality.

For the man whose life was ebbing away on that icy morning of December 15, 1923, was Louis Siki, a famous boxer, a hell-raiser and cop-hater, and famous throughout Europe and the U.S. as Battling Siki. Who would have thought, looking down on him as he lay murdered with vicious thoroughness, that only three years before, this same man had been a champion of the ring for one of the biggest upsets in the whole gory saga of the ring?

It was on an autumn afternoon—Sunday, September 24, 1922—that Battling Siki, the primitive wild man from the West African bush, fought glamorous Georges Carpentier for the light-heavyweight championship of the world. As the Senegalese-grinning, bowing, and waving his long gorilla arms, he stepped into the ring at the Stade Velodrome Buffalo, Paris, he was greeted with derisive cheers from the huge crowd.

BLEW KISSES

Siki, wearing that fixed, ingratiating grin Siki fixed to his corner; but it was noticeable, as he waited for the champion to appear, that the coloured challenger looked edgy and apprehensive.

Then another roar, delirious in its delight, swept the enormous open-air stadium. Georges Carpentier, the debonair, handsome, matinee idol Frenchman, whose name today occupies an all-time place among the glories of the ring, was entering the ring. Unconscious, suave, smilingly confident, "Georges" Georges, clad in a silk dressing-gown, bowed to the men and blew kisses at the many exquisitely-gowned women who accompanied them.

"Vive Carpentier," they called out rapturously to the national hero who had stiffened England's Bombardeur, Billy Wells and Joe Beckert in exactly 18 seconds and 73 seconds respectively.

"Vive Carpentier!" that vivacious, voluble crowd shouted again at their fair-haired cavalier who, only the year before, had come within an ace of knocking out the world heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, in New York—a fight which, although it brought the Frenchman a four-round K.O., also earned him £50,000.

Yet, in less than half an hour the applause was to turn to hissing execration, the cheers to jeers.

In just under 15 minutes "The Fighting Ape," the American had labelled him, was to be carried unconscious from the ring. He was to be taken, half-blinded, a human wreck, to a depressed room in a luxurious apartment on the Boulevard.

And there this dashing ex-French Air Force pilot, who during the war had won the Medal of Military and Croix

Carpentier, who for all the concern he had shown at the start might have been looking at some ties in a Champs-Élysées shop window, tried belatedly to elude.

Back-peddling, sick and tired, he strove to get away, but he lacked the speed. He wasn't fit. For "Georges" Georges, and the black-mopped Descamps had made the biggest miscalculation of their money-making partnership. They had underestimated the sable-skinned Siki; had written him off as easy; a no-risk second-rater.

And now it was too late. Windmilling across the ring, arms and fists pumping like black pistons, Siki chopped and clubbed Carpentier's slim star features.

Smirking, leering, the African, with the brittle crowd incanting "Vive Siki," machine-gunned punches—many of them over-arm—to the white man's face and head.

In the fourth round, with blood gushing from the champion's mouth and right eye, Descamps was smothering like a man demented. In the fifth the little manager was sobbing uncontrollably as Carpentier, too proud and too game to give in, was gashed and smashed until, he was a blinded wreck.

And then, in the sixth, the torture ended—as abruptly as it had begun. Carpentier, defenceless, swaying like a leaf, was felled by a flailing right. The champion lurched into the ropes, fell, and seemed to trip over Siki's leg.

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Club complete first round of Hexangular Tournament with unbeaten record

The Hongkong Football Club beat Garrison by 11 points (a goal, a try, and a penalty goal) to six (two penalty goals) at the Club Stadium last night to complete their first round fixtures in the Hexangular Tournament with an unbeaten record.

Last night's game was not a thrilling spectacle of open rugby served up by two sides throwing the ball about in a carefree manner. Rather it was a hard fought battle between two sides who were quite evenly matched and were out to mistake and so allow the other side to gain a decision.

Nevertheless we saw plenty of good, hard rugby and the occasional flash of brilliance, from such players as Wilson, Riddle and McTavish.

Both sets of forwards played hard, uncompromisingly, and here the Club eventually won the game through their pack who played magnificently in the second half and were a solid base for their side's fine second half rally.

First to score

Garrison were first to score after about ten minutes of probing attacks by both sides, when MacDonald kicked a low penalty which just scraped over the bar from twenty-five yards and near the touchline on the right.

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By "PROP"

Garrison line in a very short space of time.

Kelly on the Club left wing was sadly out of touch. Passes were dropped and the speedy Garrison wingers were not slow to follow the loose ball or the kick ahead.

Club exerted more pressure and were awarded a penalty about thirty-five yards from the Garrison line and at an acute angle. Moore shaved one of the posts with his kick, as he did with another kick only minutes later from a slightly shorter range, but from much the same angle.

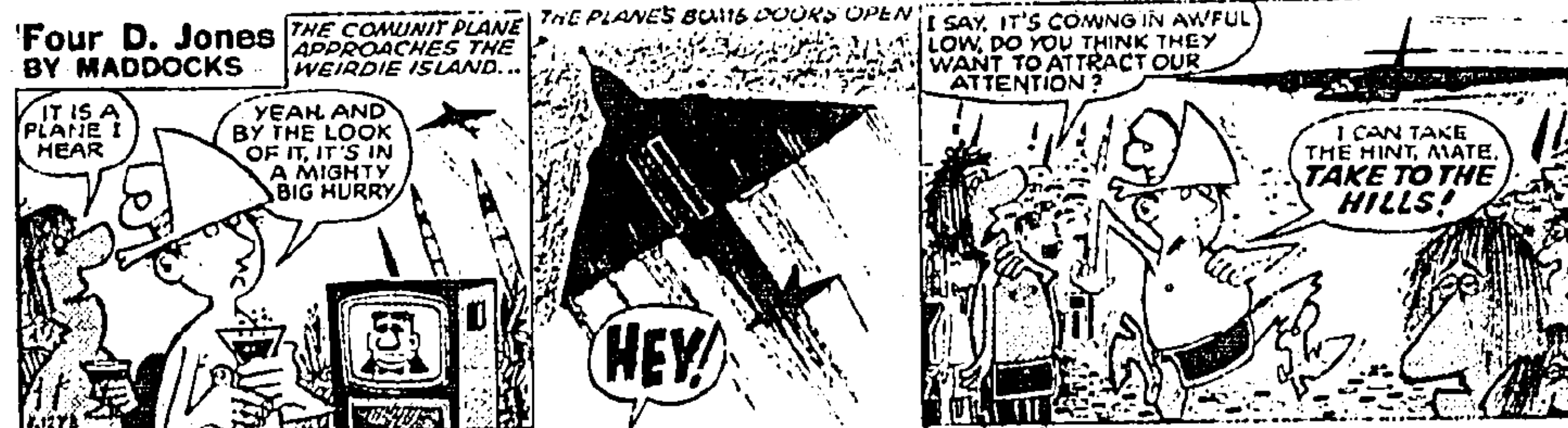
Hagan and Thompson, with some good breaks from lineouts, saw the ball taken back into the Club half.

The half-time score was six points to all in favour of Garrison, and they just about deserved their lead due to their solid defence.

'Pop' talk

At the interval Digby-Bennett, the Club skipper, was greeted with a friendly cheer as he hobbled onto the field to lecture his team. The effect of this "pop" talk was not seen immediately, for the Garrison three-aided by some sharp passing between Baillie and Matindale, and a fine cross-kick by the former, pressed the Club line heavily for the first five minutes.

Gradually the Club, by dint of good defensive play by Moore and McTavish, drew away from their line and took play to the Garrison half. Here Moore with a long kick was just wide of the posts.



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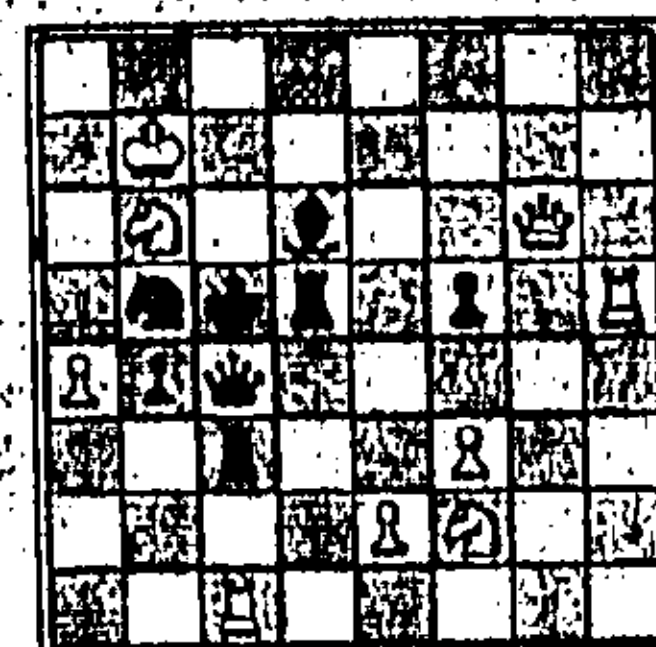


BRICK BRADFORD



CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by H. V. Tuxon, "Good Companions, 1919). White to play and mate in two moves.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1961.

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Crowds see 'Congo Star' diamond

"The Congo Star," a \$400,000 pink diamond of over ten carats, recently flown in from Africa, is now on show in the window of Sennet Frere's jewellery shop in the Gloucester Building.

Reportedly the most expensive diamond in the Far East, the pear-shaped stone is mounted in the centre of a cushion and is watched over by two uniformed security guards.

Pedestrians, three deep, gathered outside the window to get a glimpse of the precious diamond.

A similar stone was presented to the Queen at a wedding gift. The rose coloured diamond has 57 facets.

GOOD LUCK

Mined in the Congo, the diamond has the reputation of bringing good luck to its successive owners.

On show on the cushion also were a 60-carat sapphire worth \$200,000, a seven-and-a-half carat cabochon ruby with a cat's eye worth \$3,000, and a Siberian emerald.

Plain clothes detectives sent by the Police mingled with the crowds outside the shop.

Tax claim

Los Angeles, Jan. 11. A tax lien for \$24,631 was filed today against actress Betty Davis and her former husband, actor Gary Merrill.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service claims the two owe additional taxes for 1957 and 1958. Miss Davis and Merrill were divorced last July.—AP.



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LANDLORD GRANTED LEAVE TO APPEAL

The Full Court this morning granted leave to a landlord to appeal against the judgment of a District Court judge.

The Court also ordered that notice of motion be filed within 14 days.

The applicant was Mr Lee Bing-keung, who was represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi, QC, and Mr A.

CORRECTION

In a report on an appeal before the Full Court relating to an eviction case which appeared in yesterday's issue of the China Mail, the name of the appellant was incorrectly given as Mr Lee Bing-keung.

The appellant was in fact Mr Lok Pak-wai, who as stated in yesterday's report, was not represented by counsel or advised by solicitors.

Zimmerman, both instructed by Mr J. N. Smart, of Messrs Wilkinson Grist.

The applicant asks for an order to set aside an order by Judge A. A. Huggins and that an order for possession of 511 Shau Ning-road, second floor, be granted. Alternatively, he asks for a retrial of the case.

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hoggan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

Local costs increase

HK BREAKERS SCRAPPED FEWER SHIPS

Hongkong shipbreaking yards bought fewer ships for scrapping last year because of increased prices for old ships, competition from other breaking centres, and increased local costs of breaking.

This was stated today in a report on ship sale and purchase and chartering in Hongkong in 1960, prepared by Harley Mulliken & Co (Hongkong) Ltd.

The report said the tonnage scrapped was in the region of 400,000 gross tons, compared with about 500,000 gross tons in the previous year.

The figures included dry cargo ships, a large number of tankers, some passenger ships and seven obsolete US aircraft carriers.

HK purchases

The report said Hongkong shipbreaking yards bought 700,000 dw tons of second hand ships for further trading. Most Hongkong buyers were mainly interested in acquiring "low capital" war-built oil-burners and more than 30 ships of this type were purchased.

This was an increase over 1959 despite the fact that values were generally at a higher level than those prevailing last year, said the report.

"With a protracted summer recession in charter rates and a lack of peiled employment, most Hongkong trading operators withdrew from the market during the latter part of the year."

The report said there had been some increase of interest by local shipowners in new buildings, and several contracts were placed during the year mostly with European and Japanese yards.

Local construction
As far as new construction work was concerned, Hongkong shipyards concentrated on small, specialised craft in which they are particularly experienced and competitive, and a considerable number of ferries, tug, barges and similar craft

were constructed both for local and overseas clients.

The report said Mainland China acquired more than ten "Liberty" or similar type ships nationally minded, and he prepared to charter their tonnage to other parts of the world when, as is bound to occur with freight cycles, there is a period of excess tonnage in the East."

While the level of freight rates at the close of the year is below that obtaining at the end of 1959, many experienced ship operators were optimistic in the long view as, with expanding economies in Asia and the East, given political stability, they consider that the demand for tonnage in these areas should increase.

Optimistic
The report closed on this note: "However, in view of the number of deep sea tramp vessels now owned and operated in the Orient, Far Eastern owners should become more internationally minded and be prepared to charter their tonnage to other parts of the world when, as is bound to occur with freight cycles, there is a period of excess tonnage in the East."

PICTORIAL PARADE



LEFT: Rev John Foster pictured officiating at the funeral service of the late Mr R. A. Wadson at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, this week.

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BELOW: Mr A. A. Bouwes drinking a toast with Mr H. W. Chgn at a banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Friesland Trading Company in Hongkong.



ABOVE: Mr G. L. Manuel (left) of the Philippines trade mission, that visited the Colony recently, seen chatting with prominent Hongkong businessman, Mr U Tat-chao.

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RIGHT: A dinner was held at Lake Yow Hall by the University of Hongkong this week. Pictured (l-r) are Mrs A. M. Rodrigues, Lord Bridges, Mrs L. T. Rido, Sir Robert Black, Dr L. T. Rido, Lady Black and Dr A. M. Rodrigues.



HAWKER SQUABBLE ENDS IN COURT

A squabble between two hawkers ended with one man being sent to hospital with a wound requiring ten stitches, and the other going to jail for two weeks.

The one who went to jail—accused of striking the other with a bowl—was Cheung Ho, 42-year-old shoemaker.

The one who went to hospital was Yu Siu-ke. He stayed there six days.

Det-Insp R. B. Bayless told Central magistrate Mr Derek Cons that the fight, witnessed by a traffic policeman, was over a site in Eight-street which both men wanted to occupy.

Yu got their first. Cheung claimed he had a prior right to it.

After an argument Cheung struck Yu with a bowl.

JAILED FOR STEALING FROM CARS

A 30-year-old unemployed man, Chu Man-wa, of no fixed address, was sentenced to 18 months' jail by Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning for stealing articles from three parked cars.

Chu pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes worth \$60, a lady's Chinese style jacket worth \$30 and a jersey worth \$10 from three parked cars in the Central district between December 10 and January 7 this year.

DRUG PEDLAR GETS THREE YEARS JAIL

Two men were sentenced to three years each for possession of dangerous drugs by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Yiu Wah, 44, unemployed, living in a rooftop hut on 124 Gloucester-road, pleaded guilty.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that at 11.50 am on January 10 at Li Chai-street, Wanchai the defendant, a heroin pedlar, was under observation by detectives. They handed him a marked \$1 note to buy heroin.

Taking the note he picked up a bundle of firewood and took out a plastic bag containing 40 packets of heroin and gave one to the detectives.

Upon revealing their identities the defendant admitted selling and possession of heroin.

He had 12 previous similar convictions, the Inspector added.

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The other man convicted was Ng Chok-nang, 27, unemployed of hut 490, No 4 Section Chai Wan, who pleaded guilty to possession of 2.4 grams of heroin and 21 grams of barbitone.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that at 2.15 pm on January 10, a police search party raided room 478 "B" block Chai Wan resettlement area and there they found a cigarette packet and a plastic bag containing 30 packets of heroin and 21 grams of barbitone.

No love in Cuba, consul resigns

San Francisco, Jan. 11. Cuban Consul in San Francisco Rodrigo Paron resigned from his government's diplomatic service today because, he said, love is disappearing from his land.—UPI.

From the Files

25 years AGO

January 1936

After 50 years the last meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board under that name was held yesterday. Reference to the happy relationship between Officials and the Unofficials was made in speeches made by Mr W. J. Carrie, President of the Board and the Hon Mr M. K. Lo, representing the Unofficials.

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FOLLOWING the appearance of tigers on the mainland, news now comes of the sighting off Repulse Bay on Friday evening of what appeared to be a small whale.

Capt F. A. Swaffer, a resident of the Hotel was looking out of his window when about half a mile from the shore he noticed a disturbance on the water.

Watching closely, he saw a few minutes later a black object which appeared to be from eight to twelve feet long, moving about.

It then went down but later resurfaced and had an appearance somewhat similar to that of a porpoise although the movements were not those of such a creature.

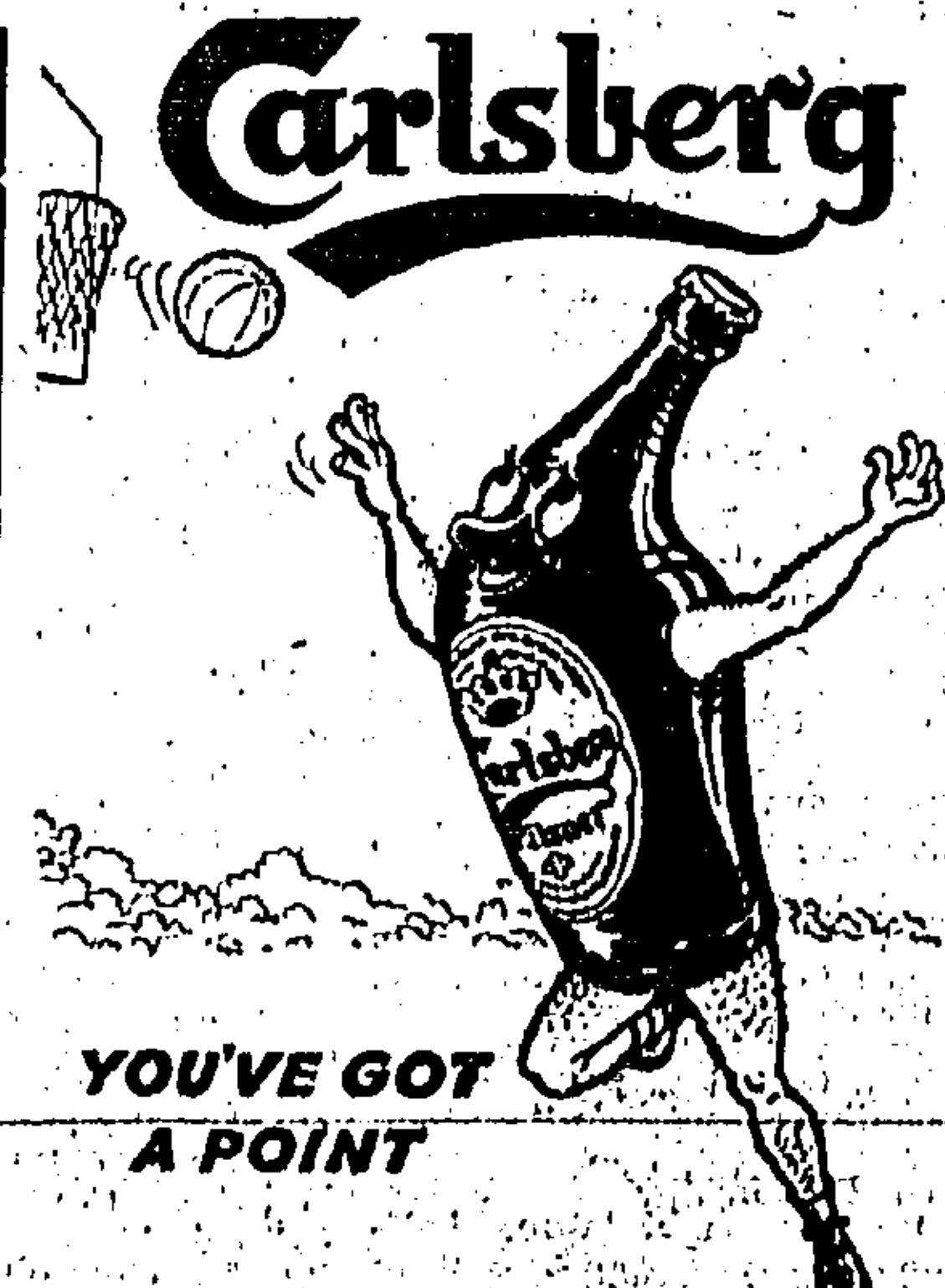
It is likely that the visitor was a baby whale, said the Morning Post.

In the early days of the Colony, American whalers used to put into Hongkong but in consequence of the slaughter of whales in North Pacific waters they have become very scarce and a visit to these waters nowadays is a rarity.

In February 1863 a stray whale appeared in Hongkong harbour and was chased by the crews of amateur whalers, but it made good its escape to sea.

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A marked increase in the quality and quantity of exhibits was a feature of the New Territories Agricultural Show at Shek Wu Hui, which was opened by Mr Lawrence Kadoorie on Saturday and continued yesterday when Mr T. Megarry, District Officer North, distributed the prizes. There were almost 6,000 exhibits on view, bettering last year's total by one thousand and that of the previous year by 3,000.



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